पूरा करते हैं, वहां डाकघर खोलने के मामले पर चरणबद्ध तरीके से विचार किया जायेगा ।

तार सुविधाएं :—

ग्रामो में तार सुविधाओ की योजना षट्भुजाकार क्षेत्रों के आधार पर बनाई जाती है । उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य मे कुल 405 षट्भुजाकार क्षेत्रो मे से 2753 मे दूर संचार सुविधायें पहले से ही उपलब्ध है । शेष 1302 षट्भुजाकार क्षेत्रों को आठवीं योजना मे दूरसंचार सुविधाये उपलब्ध कराने का प्रस्ताव है ।

**Afforestation Fund**

781 SHRI S VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI. Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set-up Afforestation Fund, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI). (a) and (b) The National Fund for Afforestation and Wastelands Development has been set up by Government Resolution No. 6.1 12/90-MM-VI dated 17th July, 1990, a copy of which giving the details is given in the Statement.

**Statement**

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
BHARAT SARKAR
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

New Delhi, 17th July, 1990

RESOLUTION

The rapid expansion of wastelands is seriously under mining the productive resource base and endangering vital life support systems of the nation The Government has therefore accorded high priority to programmes for regeneration of degraded areas wastelands With a view to encourage individuals and corporate/non-corporate bodies patrticipate in this national effort through contributions or donations, it is considered necessary to have a fund for afforestation Hence, the National Fund for Afforestation and Wastelands Development is hereby set up

2 The above-mentioned Fund will be managed by a Committee composed as follows

(a) Minister incharge of the Ministry of Environment & Forests . Chairman

(b) Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment & Forests . . Vice Chairman

(c) Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests . . . . Member

(d) Secretary, (Revenue), Ministry of Finance . . Member

(e) Secretary (Rural Development) Ministry of Agriculture . . . Member

(f) Two representatives of Voluntary Agencies involved in Afforestation and Wastelands Development . . . . . Member

(g) Additional Secretary, National Wastelands Development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests . . . . . Member Secretary

3 The Committee will lay down rules for the conduct of its business and issue guidelines for the administration of the Fund

4 The Fund shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

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(MAHESH PRASAD)

SECRETARY

(ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS)

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all Ministries/Departments of India and all State Governments/Union Territories.

Ordered also that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

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(MAHESH PRASAD)

SECRETARY

ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

To

The Manager
Government of India Press,
Nw Delhi

**Strike of the Telecom Employees**

782. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that strike by telecom employees paralysed communication facilities throughout the country during the month of November, 1990;

(b) if so, what were the main demands of the employees,

(c) whether any agreement has been reached between Government and strikers; and

(d) if so, what are the main features of the agreement reached?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Demand of Rs. 100/- p.m. as an advance to Group 'C' and Group 'D' em-